



POTTSTOWN METROPOLITAN REGIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE

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PARRC Meeting Minutes

July 25, 2018

5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

@PAHWF

In Attendance:

Michael Lenhart, Borough of Pottstown
Charlie Valentine, West Pottsgrove Township
Jay Erb, North Coventry Township

Carol Lewis, Upper Pottsgrove
Bill Koehane, Lower Pottsgrove

Meeting notes:

1. Brian Vadino, Watershed Specialist with Montco Conservation District, (MCCD), gave a presentation about the services that MCCD provides, the assistance Brian can lend and the funding programs available. He works with Montco 2040 grant program and receives grant applications to review for the TreeVitalize program before they go to Philadelphia Horticulture Society. TreeVitalize gets funding from DEP and AquaPA. There are no monetary limits to grant request funds but the average grant is \$10,000. They provide trees for restoration projects and can include the costs for deer protection, supplies and clearing of exotic vegetation. They also coordinate the Schuylkill River Restoration Fund. Depending on the type of project, permits could include Erosion & Sedimentation, General Permit - Chapter 105 DEP GP3 Stream Enhancement or a Joint Permit from COE. They also administer the Dirt/Gravel/Low Volume Road grant program. He provided a PPT that was distributed to the members the next day and handouts for M. Lane.
2. Craig Bachik, Project Manager for Navarro & Wright, presented the final Tri-County Trail Final Preliminary Construction Plans. Final costs for the trails – Coventry Trail: between \$800,000 to \$950,000; Pottsgrove Trail: between \$700,000 to \$850,000; Upper West Trail: between \$1.2 to 1.3 million and Manatawny Trail: between \$1.8 to 2 million. J. Erb requested that the cost estimate be broken out for each segment of the trail. Craig suggested that when the plans are done that we schedule a meeting with Cindy Dunn at DCNR, DCED, PADOT, DVRPC to see if they could assist with developing a funding plan for the multi-modal project. Craig provided plans and cost estimates for the members and a PPT that was distributed to the members the next day and full-scale plans for M. Lane.
3. Meeting minutes from 5/23/18 were approved. B. Keohane & C. Lewis abstained.
4. PARRC position extension – M. Lane discussed the Townships that had seen the PPT and the reactions so far. J. Erb requested a copy of the slide with the summary of the grants.
5. Grant Applications submitted/developing - Coventry Woods Park Master Plan – resubmit to NL in the fall as well as DCNR. Upper Pottsgrove is submitting an LOI to the PAHWF for a community garden in Prout Farm Park. PMRPC has a grant round opening this fall that is administered by PAHWF.
6. Upper Pottsgrove and North Coventry Townships requested their playgrounds be inspected by M. Lane.
7. Updates from the PARRC members:
 - a. PAHWF: No updates.
 - b. North Coventry: No updates.
 - c. Pottstown Borough: No updates.
 - d. Lower Pottsgrove: 3 out of 4 summer concerts rained out.
 - e. West Pottsgrove Township: Community Day October 13 with rain date October 14th.



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- f. Upper Pottsgrove Township: Community Day is September 22 and a public workshop for the Open Space Plan is September 27th.
- g. Douglass Township: No updates.
- h. MCPC: No updates.

Adjournment: 7:00 PM

Recorder: M. Lane

2018 Meeting Schedule

(All meetings to be held at 5:00 PM in the Pottstown Area Health and Wellness Foundation Conference Room, 152 East High Street, 5th floor, Pottstown, PA 19464):

<i>January 24</i>	<i>February 28</i>	<i>March 28</i>	<i>April 25</i>	<i>May 23</i>	<i>June 27</i>
<i>July 25</i>	<i>August 22</i>	<i>September 26</i>	<i>October 24</i>	<i>December 5</i>	

Next meeting: Wednesday, August 22nd, 2018, 5:00 pm @PAHWF